

Weather Crop Report

Week ending July 2, 2006

MORE RAINS NEEDED TO AID CROP DEVELOPMENT

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WEATHER SUMMARY: Scattered showers brought welcomed rains to many areas across the State during the week of June 26 through July 2. Immokalee and MacClenny received less than a tenth of an inch of rain for the week. Tallahassee recorded the most precipitation with over four and a quarter inches of rain. Areas receiving over two inches of rainfall included Frostproof, Fort Pierce, Jacksonville, Kenansville and Monticello. Avalon, Balm and West Palm Beach received over three inches. Elsewhere, precipitation total ranged from under a quarter of an inch to over one inch in several localities. Temperatures averaged from around normal to one degree below normal in Daytona Beach, Jacksonville and Miami. Daytime temperatures were mostly in the 80s and 90s. Nighttime temperatures were in the 60s and 70s.

FIELD CROPS: Some scattered showers have helped the drought conditions in most areas but more rains are needed to aid crop development. Most dryland peanuts in Jackson County are not progressing like they should because of the prior extreme drought conditions and growers need more consistent rains. Also, some peanut growers are unable to plant the remainder of the crop because of the dry conditions. Peanuts are 44 percent pegged compared to 39 percent last year and the five-year average of 57. Peanut condition was rated 20 percent very poor, 30 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 19 percent good and 4 percent excellent. Topsoil and subsoil moisture in the Panhandle and northern Peninsula are rated mostly short to adequate with Santa Rosa County reporting very short supplies. Through the central and southern Peninsula localities soil moisture supplies are mostly short to adequate. Hernando and Dade counties reported very short to adequate soil supplies with Palm Beach recording adequate to surplus supplies.



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Percentage of peanuts pegged to date:		
This year	Last year	5-year average.
40	39	57

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This week	Last week	Last year	This week	Last week	Last Year
	<i>Percent</i>					
Very short	11	22	0	16	20	0
Short	40	43	13	34	50	5
Adequate	47	35	38	40	30	46
Surplus	2	0	49	10	0	49

VEGETABLES: Most supplies are declining seasonally with hot temperatures and rainfall bringing most vegetable harvesting to an end. Okra harvesting remained active in Dade County. Producers marketed sweet corn, potatoes, tomatoes and watermelons.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES: In the Panhandle, pasture condition is very poor to excellent with most in poor condition. Showers have helped the pasture in some locations. In the northern areas, pasture is mostly fair. In the central areas, pasture is very poor to excellent with most in fair condition. In the southwest, most pasture is in poor condition. Statewide, cattle are in poor to excellent condition with most in fair condition.

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	This week	Last week	This week	Last week
<i>Percent</i>				
Very poor	0	5	5	5
Poor	15	10	20	25
Fair	60	70	45	65
Good	20	10	25	5
Excellent	5	5	5	0

CITRUS: Citrus producing counties recorded moderate precipitation on various days throughout the week, with heavy concentrations of rainfall on Sunday in the south and on both coasts. The majority of the rain on the west coast was on Sunday when slow moving showers and thunderstorms produced rainfall in amounts of two to three inches in under two hours. The highest weekly total was in Balm at over three inches. Ft. Pierce had the second highest weekly total at just over two and a half inches of rainfall. High temperatures in the past week were above 90 degrees in all areas; Sebring recorded the highest temperature at 95 degrees. Trees are showing little new flush this time of year. The new crop of oranges is still smaller than golf-ball size, grapefruit are much larger. Harvest is virtually over for all varieties except the later-maturing Valencia oranges. Valencias are still being picked for the season, with labor being a problem as workers are transitioning to other crops. Activity in the groves includes applications of copper sprays, nutritional sprays, cleaning ditches, fertilizing and mowing.

ESTIMATED BOXES HARVESTED - WEEK ENDED			
Crop	Jun 18	Jun 25	Jul 02
<i>In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes</i>			
Valencia	2,520	1,910	1,701
Grapefruit	6	4	2
Honey Tangerines	0	1	0

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